

**CARNFORTH
URBAN DISTRICT.**

**Medical Officer's
Report,**

For the Year 1908.

To the Chairman and Councillors OF THE Urban District of Carnforth.



Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my report for the year ended 31st December, 1908.

Population. The estimated population for the year is 3,200.

Deaths. Total number of deaths during the year 44, equal to a death rate of 14 per 1000 of the population.

Of the deaths registered during the year—

- 11 were under one year.
- 1 was over 1 year and under 5 years
- 1 was over 5 years and under 15 years
- 8 were over 15 years and under 25 years
- 13 were over 25 years and under 65 years
- 11 were over 65 years of age

Causes of Deaths. Of the deaths certified during the year, 3 were from premature birth, 2 from Debility from Birth, 5 from Pnuemonia, 4 from Bronchitis, 4 from Phthisis, 2 from Influenza, 2 from Heart Diseases, 2 from Accidents and 10 from Senile Decay.

The number of deaths of infants under one year, 11 equal to an infantile death rate of 166.6 per 1000 of births registered.

Total number of deaths during the year 1907. 43 equal to a death rate of 13.4 per 1,000 of the population.

Births. Total number of births during the year, 68 (32 males and 36 females) equal to a birth rate of 21.0 per 1,000 of the population.

Total number of births during the year 1907, 59 (32 males and 27 females), equal to a birth rate of 18.4 per 1,000 of the population.

Zymotic Diseases. During the year 8 cases of Scarlet Fever were reported.

All the cases were treated at their own homes with satisfactory results.

During the year 1907, 7 cases of Infectious diseases were notified.

Sewers and Sewage. No new Sewers have been laid during the year.

The Sewage of the district is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge being used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water cart through a twelve inch valve down the manholes. The house refuse is deposited in ashpits, and is removed by contract made by the Council, which requires that each aspit be emptied every six weeks, or more frequently if required. It is disposed of by being tipped upon the ground purchased by the Council for that purpose.

Systematic Inspection of the district has been made by me during the year, and the result given to the Council in the Medical Officer's Visit Report Book.

Factories & Workshops. The different factories and workshops have been regularly inspected and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition and answer the requirements of the Act.

Bakehouses. There are two bakehouses in the district, both are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

Slaughterhouses. The three slaughterhouses in the district have been regularly inspected, and are kept clean and in a perfectly sanitary condition.

Lodginghouses. There is no common lodginghouse in the district.

Dairies and Cowsheds. The dairies and cowsheds have been inspected by me and all are in a sanitary condition.

House Accommodation. I consider the house accommodation of the working classes very satisfactory. Special care having been taken by the Sanitary Inspector to the sewers of all new houses, and that the houses are perfectly fit for habitation before they are occupied.

Hospital Accommodation. The Isolation hospital is an iron structure situated at Crag Bank, and has two wards, each to hold about six beds. There is a separate room for two nurses, a caretaker's detached residence, and the necessary outbuildings. It is built on a very good and dry eminence and is well isolated.

Water Supply. I consider the Water supply satisfactory and pure. It is obtained from the Carnforth Waterworks Co's reservoir, situated at Withets; the gathering ground for which is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature consequently the water is not hard, and is good for all domestic purposes.

The water passes through a system of Carbon Filters before being disposed of to the district.

In addition to the ordinary water supply the Company have made arrangements with the Manchester Corporation to obtain a supply of water from their mains if the ordinary supply fall short.

Nuisances. There has not been any notice of Nuisance served during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Edward S. Jackson, M.D., C.M.,

Medical Officer of Health.

March, 1909.